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Pension

3-10 p.m. * 248 *Q.*—SRI A. K. THANGAVEL MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of persons for whom old age pension has been granted in Chingleput district, talukwise as on 1st June 1962?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The number of pensions sanctioned in different taluks of Chingleput district up to 1st June 1962 is 'Nil'.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Does it mean that there were no applications from that district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The meaning is that the applications could not be scrutinised till 1st April 1962. But I can tell the hon. Member that ultimately after 1st June 1962 pension was sanctioned in 384 cases in Chingleput district and 383 applications were rejected.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Has any special staff been posted recently for this purpose?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Yes, Sir. Such special staff as was found necessary was posted.

College at Krishnagiri

* 249 *Q.*—SRI R. VENKATACHALAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to establish a college at Krishnagiri in Salem district?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: No, Sir.

Coastal roads

[a] *174 *Q.*—SRI J. PONNUSWAMY VILLAVARAYAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state the steps taken or proposed to be taken to complete the work on the Cape Comorin Coastal road and the Kanyakumari-Nagapattinam Coastal road?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: The proposal for upgrading the East Coastal Road with which the Kanyakumari-Nagapattinam Road is also interlinked has been recommended to the Government of India for inclusion in the Third Five-Year Plan for National Highways. Their orders are awaited. It is presumed that Cape Comorin Coastal Road referred to by the Member is the road from Cape Comorin to Neerodi. If so, it has been decided to defer the work for better times due to the prohibitive cost of the Scheme.

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[a] Postponed question from the list of questions for 1st August 1962.